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SUBJECT: DEFENSE MINISTER APEL: PUBLIC ANTI-SANCTIONS
 MOOD JEOPARDIZES NATO DUAL-TRACK DECISION

1. DEFENSE MINISTER APEL, ADDRESSING THE DEUTSCHE ATLANTISCHE GESELLSCHAFT IN FRANKFURT ON AUGUST 27 ON "SECURITY AND DEFENSE POLICY," PREFACED HIS SPEECH BY A CALM AND MEASURED RESTATEMENT OF FRG OPPOSITION TO USG SANCTIONS ON THE GAS PIPELINE. HE SAID THE US-EUROPE CONFRONTATION ON THIS ISSUE NOW EXCEEDED THE BOUNDS OF A "FAMILY QUARREL."
2. RECALLING THE FRG POSITION ON THE SANCTITY OF CONTRACTS (PACTA SUNT SERVANDA), HE SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT ENOUGH FOR THE OLDER GENERATION TO FACE THE ASSERTION OF CONTROL OVER FIRMS ON FRG TERRITORY; THAT GENERATION AT LEAST RECALLED FIRST-HAND THE U.S. ROLE IN THE REBUILDING OF POSTWAR EUROPE. HOWEVER, SUCH A RESERVOIR OF SHARED EXPERIENCE WAS LACKING IN THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS THAT WERE MAKING THEMSELVES INCREASINGLY FELT ON GERMANY'S SOCIO-POLITICAL SCENE.
3. IN THE ABSENCE OF AN EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE SANCTIONS ISSUE, POPULAR FEELING IN THE FRG COULD DEVELOP TO THE POINT THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DEPLOY THE WEAPONS CALLED FOR IN THE NATO DUAL-TRACK DECISION, APEL SAID. STRESSING HIS BELIEF THAT THE FRG'S SECURITY WAS INEXTRICABLY LINKED TO NATO AND THAT THE DUAL-TRACK DECISION REMAINED THE APPROPRIATE STRATEGY, WHICH HE LATER REAFFIRMED IN THE BODY OF HIS SPEECH, HE SAID IT WOULD BE REGRETTABLE IF PUBLIC ATTITUDES IMPEDED IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT DECISION.

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